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Mr. Edward K. Thompson
Editor, LIFE Magazine
TIME-LIFE Building
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This cry from the heart of an American housewife, this passionate, emotional denunciation of the fierce, ignorant proselytizing by the bigots of the radical right is, I believe, such an excellent exposition of an "average American's" deep beliefs and such an effective answer to the fear- and hate-motivated phobias of the Birchers that I am taking a liberty with it and with you.

My purpose in taking the time from my own writing to call it to your attention is to suggest that you consider using it as a "guest editorial". While Mrs. Hill is no Loudon Wainwright, she is an articulate person. Moreover, she has a sufficient dedication to her - our - basic beliefs to take the time from a busy life to write her vigorous affirmation of the meaning of our history and lives and the hope of our future without thought of financial gain - as a matter of American principle.

Her letter was addressed to the Frederick, Md., POST, which has not been unsympathetic to the John Birch Society and has opened both its news and letters columns to it and its bemused protagonists. Yet this paper, despite what I take to be a clear partisanship for the Birchers, has had the integrity and dedication to freedom of the press to open at least its letter columns to answers.

I would appreciate the return of the enclosed clippings when you are finished with them.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

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